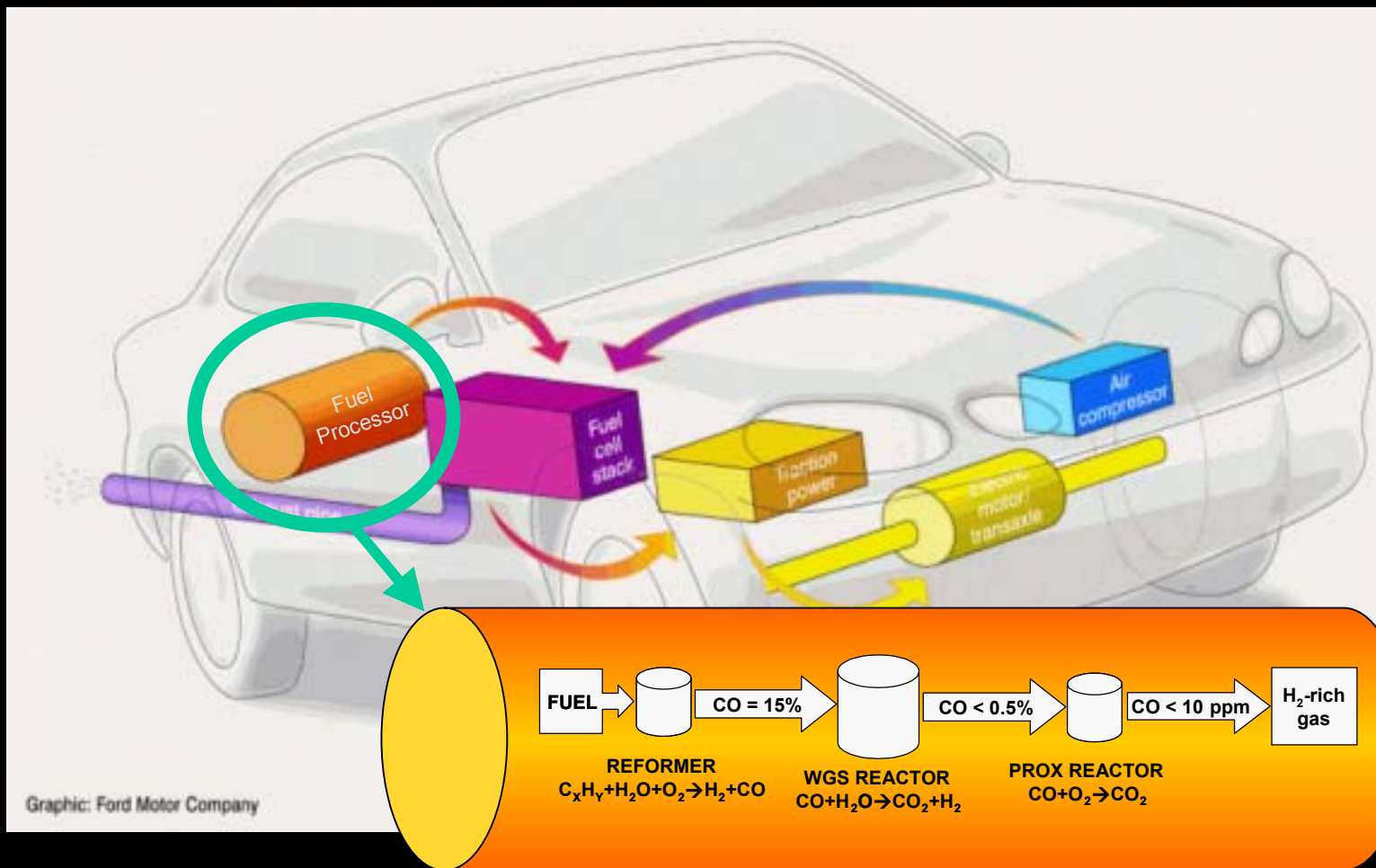




Fuel Processing



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Targets and Status

Fuel Processor for 50 kWe (net) Fuel Cell Systems

Fuel processor generating hydrogen-rich gas from reformulated gasoline containing 30 ppm sulfur, average

Characteristics	Units	2001 status	2005	2010
Power density	W/L	500	700	800
Cost	\$/kW	85	25	10
Durability	Hours	1000	4000	5000
Cold start-up time to max power from +20°C ambient temp.	Min	<10	<1	<0.5



On-Board Fuel Processing Challenges & Objective

CHALLENGES

- CO cleanup
- Fuel processor system integration and efficiency
- Fuel processor start-up/transient operation
- Thermal management
- Durability
- Cost
- Impurity management

OBJECTIVE

- Develop compact, energy-efficient, integrated fuel processing systems using multiple feedstocks





Fuel Processing Projects

LABS / UNIVERSITIES

- ANL: Integrated Fuel Processor Development
- PNNL: Microchannel Fuel Processing
- LANL: Reformate Fuel Cell System Durability
- ANL: Catalytic Autothermal Reforming
- LANL: Reformate Clean Up Development
- University of Michigan: Microsystem-Based Fuel Processors for PEM Fuel Cells

INDUSTRY

- Nuvera Fuel Cells, Inc.: Advanced Fuel Processor Development for Transportation Fuel Cell Power Systems (STAR and Hi-Q)
- McDermott Technology, Inc.: Multi-Fuel Processor for Fuel Cell Vehicle Applications
- Catalytica Energy Systems, Inc.: Plate-Based Fuel Processing System
- Honeywell Engines & Systems: Novel Breadboard Device Suitable for CO Remediation in an Automotive PEM Fuel Cell Power Plant
- Arthur D. Little: Evaluation of Partial Oxidation Fuel Cell Reformer Emissions



Industry Interactions/ Technology Transfer

ANL reformer catalyst licensed to Süd-Chemie for commercialization

H2FUEL using LANL PrOX and Argonne fuel processing technology for stationary systems

McDermott integrating LANL PrOX

PNNL providing microchannel components to various developers (i.e. PNNL steam generator for McDermott system deliverable)

NUVERA working with ANL on Hi-Q system modeling

ANL working with Arthur D. Little on cost analysis





Discussion Points

- Start-up times are inadequate: Must be <30 seconds, difficult to achieve through reliance on battery
- Major Go/NoGo decision in FY04 on whether to continue fuel processing technology
- Cost
- Major issues with durability of fuel processor and PEM systems running on reformat
 - ✓ Sulfur compounds
 - ✓ Ammonia
 - ✓ Organic Compounds
 - ✓ Thermal effects & cycling

